

# Linguistics Graduate Programs Orientation 2023–24

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## The School of linguistics and language studies:

- Linguistics: undergraduate & graduate programs
  - Theoretical linguistics
  - Experimental psycholinguistics
  - Language documentation
- Applied Linguistics and Discourse Studies, aka ALDS: undergraduate and graduate programs
  - Second language acquisition, language teaching
  - Writing studies
  - Discourse analysis
  - Language policy, language revitalization
  - Language documentation, language mapping
- Modern Languages: undergraduate programs
- ESL, Communication Courses

Other places at Carleton that do things with language

- ICS: Institute of Cognitive Science
  - Formal semantics
  - Language and cognition
  - Computational modeling
- French
  - Synchronic and diachronic linguistics of French
  - Sociolinguistics of French



# Where to find information

What you should be familiar with:

- School website: <https://carleton.ca/slals/>
- Graduate calendar: <https://calendar.carleton.ca/grad/>
- International students: <https://carleton.ca/isso/>
- Guide for linguistics graduate students
- Awards and funding:  
<https://gradstudents.carleton.ca/awards-and-funding/>

- 2-year MA in linguistics
- Focus on core areas of linguistic theory, with exposure to interfaces
- Thesis stream, essay stream
- Course requirements:
  - 0.5 in “sound” (Phonetics, phonology)
  - 0.5 in “structure” (Morphology, syntax, semantics)
  - 1.5 electives (0.5 in LING, 1 free)
  - 2.5 thesis
  - (Essay has more courses)

# PhD in linguistics, language documentation and revitalization

- Flexible, individualized program
- Common element: work with an endangered or minority language toward community-oriented documentation/revitalization
- Duration: 6 years (funding for 5 years)
- Courses:
  - 1.0 documentation (LING 6802, 6803)
  - 0.5 revitalization policy (ALDS 6407)
  - 1.5 credits electives (LING, ALDS, ANTH, CGSC)
  - Qualifying paper (completed in fall of year 2)
  - Comp exam (completed in winter/summer of year 2)
  - Thesis

After you've started your coursework. . .

- Start thinking about longer-term plans:
  - What would you like to work on for your thesis (MA), QP (PhD)?
  - Who would you like your supervisor to be?
  - Once you find your supervisor, complete the “Letter of understanding” between supervisor and student (see Grad Guide)
- You will meet with the Graduate Supervisor in the first two months to discuss these plans and your goals in the program.
- Select thesis advisor by winter of year 1 at the latest.
- Apply for funding!

# Annual review of students

- Annually by March 15th, all students submit a completed “annual review form” (see Grad Guide), listing their activities and accomplishments over the year, and plans for next year
- This form is not so much an “evaluation” for a grade, but rather a tool for information sharing between faculty members, so that we are aware of what is happening in the program and who is doing what

- Most weeks we have a “reading group” meeting (Thursdays at 14:30 this semester)
- The reading group is an informal venue for any of the following:
  - Presentations of current work (faculty and students)
  - Discussion of articles and other readings
  - Dry-runs for conference talks
- Please do two things:
  - Sign up for the mailing list (send an email to [join-culing@lists.carleton.ca](mailto:join-culing@lists.carleton.ca))
  - Think about what you can present or what paper you'd like to discuss

All applications available through Carleton Central.

- Donor-funded awards: Sept. 29th
- SSHRC PhD: Sept. 29th
- SSHRC MA: Dec. 1st
- OGS: Nov. 15th